

REMARKS

A petition for a one month extension has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto.

It is respectfully submitted that the examiner, in the office action of March 31, 2006, has not stated a *prima facie* case for anticipation by Bacchi'113 because the examiner's remarks do not address how certain limitations of claim 5 might be met by the teachings of Bacchi'113. In particular, claim 5 as previously examined, recited that the "first rotation transfer means" is "mounted inside the first arm" and further recited that the "second rotation transfer means" is "mounted inside the second arm." In Bacchi'113 the elements the examiner has identified as "transfer means" are not mounted "inside" any arm.

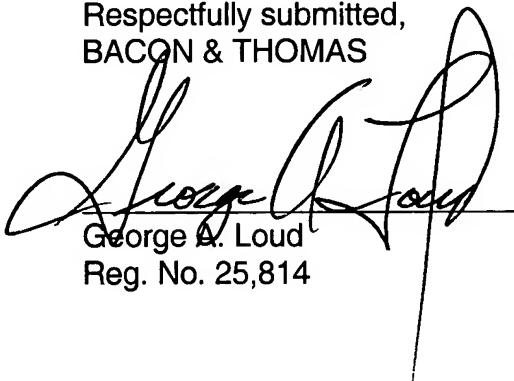
The undersigned wishes to thank the examiner for his time and courtesy in the telephone conversation of July 24, 2006 initiated by the undersigned to request an interview. The undersigned informed the examiner that the purpose of the interview would be to explore the issue of obviousness in the context of a claim limitation defining the second motor as being housed within the rotatable base. The examiner responded by stating that he would consider such an amendment only upon the filing of a formal response but did advise the undersigned that the major obstacle to patentability here is, in his view, lack of sufficient recitation of "structure" in the claims.

With the foregoing in mind, the present amendments are offered in an attempt to expedite an allowance. It is respectfully submitted that the amended language of claim 5 proposed here clearly defines subject matter allowable over Bacchi'113. In the most recent office action the examiner reads the recitation in claim 5 of a

"rotatable base" on what Bacchi'113 identifies as "forearm spindle 56". Of course, spindle 56 of Bacchi'113 is nothing like applicants' "rotatable base" as disclosed and as now defined by amended claim 5. Bacchi'113 is in no way suggestive of a "rotatable base" inclusive of a "pulley portion" within an "elongated housing" serving as a "first arm" of the robot and a "housing portion", integral with the "pulley portion" and external to the "elongated housing."

In conclusion, it is respectfully requested that the examiner reconsider the rejection of record with a view toward allowance of the two pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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